

# WHY ILLINOIS



2013 Site Selection Top Metros and States • Chicago #1 • Illinois #3

## GRADE A LOGISTICS



Located at the nation's industrial and geographic center, Illinois is the global gateway for trade, exports and passenger travel

- AIR** O'Hare nonstop global gateway
- SHIPPING** #1 container hub in western hemisphere
- RAIL** Six Class I railroads
- ROADWAYS** Three coast-to-coast interstates

## EDUCATED WORKFORCE



Over 200 higher education institutions, 48 community colleges with 240 job training fields and a 6.6 million person workforce

- TOP BUSINESS SCHOOLS** • Booth, Chicago • Kellogg, Northwestern
- TOP ENGINEERING SCHOOLS** • University of Illinois • Northwestern University
- TOP MEDICAL SCHOOLS** • Pritzker, Chicago • Feinberg, Northwestern

## KEY INDUSTRIES



A diverse state economy with strong agrarian roots and newer technology-based industries

### TRADITIONAL AND EMERGING INDUSTRIES

- Agribusiness
- Heavy Machinery
- Transportation Equipment
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Energy and Renewables
- Biotech and Life Sciences

## MAJOR CORPORATIONS



Illinois is home to over 400 worldwide corporations and global headquarters, including 32 Fortune 500 companies

### CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

Abbott Labs	CDW	Hyatt Hotels	Navistar	TDS
ADM	CME Group	Illinois Tool Works	OfficeMax	UAL Corp
Allstate	Discover		RR Donnelley	Walgreen
Aon	John Deere	Integrus	Sara Lee	
Baxter	Exelon	Kraft Foods	Sears Holdings	
Boeing	Fortune Brands	McDonald's	Smurfit Stone	
Caterpillar	Grainger	Motorola	State Farm	



Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

[www.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www.illinois.gov/dceo)

Connect with DCEO on



# WHY ILLINOIS



2013 Site Selection Top Metros and States • Chicago #1 • Illinois #3

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



Midwestern leader in science and technology, R&D start-ups and corporations

- Argonne National Laboratory • Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- University of Illinois • Northwestern University • University of Chicago and IIT
- 8 Technology Parks across state • Top Research/ Medical Schools

## QUALITY OF LIFE



Chicago is significantly more affordable than other large U.S. urban centers and technology hubs – *Council for Community and Economic Research*

- CHICAGO AREA** Lake Michigan, world-renowned museums, blues and jazz, thriving theater district, professional and collegiate sports teams
- DOWNSTATE** Abraham Lincoln presidential sites, state fair attractions, scenic parks and wineries and outdoor sporting activities

## AFFORDABLE RENTS



### INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE RENTS *(Colliers International, December 2012)*

City	USD\$/SF/Yr	City	USD\$/SF/Yr
London	\$21.95	Shanghai	\$6.62
Hong Kong	\$21.83	Los Angeles	\$6.21
Tokyo	\$20.61	Beijing	\$6.04
San Francisco	\$9.48	Toronto	\$4.85
Wash, D.C.	\$6.73	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>\$3.71</b>

## COMPETITIVE TAXES



Corporate taxes and low rents make Illinois a number one choice for site locators (rate reverts to 5.25% in 2015)

### CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES *(Tax Foundation, January 2013)*

Midwest	Rate	Nationally	Rate
Iowa	12.0%	Pennsylvania	9.9%
Minnesota	9.8%	New Jersey	9.0%
Wisconsin	7.9%	California	8.8%
Indiana	7.5%	New York	7.1%
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

### Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Office  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Chicago Office

James R. Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

### Springfield Office

500 East Monroe Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
800-252-2923



Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

[www.illinois.gov/dceo](http://www.illinois.gov/dceo)

Connect with DCEO on

